

**MRS. ELIZABETH McDONALD'S YEARLY REPORT TO THE BISHOP, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS A. M. E. CONFERENCE WHICH CONVENED AT QUINCY, ILL.**

I find pleasure in presenting for your consideration the detailed report of my missionary work during the past conference year. I would be pleased if the work already done was more abundant success, but I am consoled with the thought that we of to-day may see only the beginning of it as it is cast upon the waters, and may be others who, in God's good time, will see its abundant return in many days.

As to my denominational work, I am pleased to report a most successful growth of missionary sentiment, and there prevails a more kindly feeling for the unfortunate than in former years. The spirit of self-sacrifice is growing, people are becoming more and more willing to contribute the widow's mite for the benefit of the poor and needy.

A church work has had the benefit of splendid support and earnest cooperation of Presiding Elder Rogers and our worthy Bishop, Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaffer. Much of my endeavor has come directly under their observation, so that the character of my work, as well as its measure, can best be told by them in their reports.

A very important change in my work has been brought about by the operation of a new law passed by the last session of the Legislature. By former reports the conference knew that my public service was rendered without salary, year in and year out, for about ten years, six years of that time as a probation officer in the Juvenile Court. Our last Legislature, however, provided a salary for a limited number of probation officers of the Juvenile Court, and these were selected after a civil service examination. The examination was held, and I was among the many who tried to secure a place on the salaried

I recall one case when husband and wife were bound together only by common law marriage. They had so lived seventeen years and had eleven children, of whom six were living. Home surroundings were poor, but prayerful advice and earnest counsel changed the home life, the parents were married in the Juvenile Court, and Christian influence began to prevail.

A number of young girls who were exposed to vicious surroundings were rescued, some of them changed to better homes, others placed in charge of child saving institutions.

In one case I spent much time trying to overcome the influence of the saloon upon the home life of the community. The awful evil done by selling liquor to children needs the vigorous opposition of all right-minded people. I had one case especially harmful, but with the hearty help of Elder Reeves the custom was broken up.

I conclude with an itemized statement which will show, in a measure, the nature and extent of my work. I have never made, and do not now make, any appeal to the public for help. I have thought, however, that the missionary work entrusted to me could be made more effective if some means could be devised to meet my expenses of car fare and the few necessary outlays of small sums in emergency cases. For the whole term of my ten years of service my necessary expenses have constantly exceeded the contributions, so that I not only give all my time and energy to the work, but at the same time I am compelled to pay out my own money, nearly half of the expenses of the work.

My itemized report above referred to covers the time from the last conference down to date. It is as follows:

**Missionary Work Report—Distribution to Needy.**

5 pair of shoes, 375 parcels of clothing, 400 Christmas tracts, 10 Bibles, 5 hymn books.

**Visitations.**  
45 county jails, 75 police stations, 35 hospitals, 4 Dunning asylum, 1 Kankakee asylum, 1 St. Charles Home for Boys.

**Probation Work.**  
55 children taken on parole, 16 children sent to institutions, 7 women paroled from Joliet penitentiary, 9 boys paroled from Pontiac Reformatory, 1 paroled from jail, 5 final discharges from Joliet penitentiary, 2 patients placed in Dunning, 6 children placed in homes.

**Miscellaneous.**  
3 visits to La Grange, 1 visit to Milwaukee, 3 infants taken from houses of ill repute, 3 infants baptized, 100 prayer meetings held, 18 converts, two of them murderers; 1 paroled woman converted, married and doing well.

**Expense Account—Receipts.**  
Hon. E. J. Murphy, Warden, Joliet, \$10; J. Gray Lucas, Esq., \$8; Julius F. Taylor, \$9; Wm. Whitman, Esq., \$2; Mrs. M. F. Chitt, 50 cents; Cash, \$5. Total receipts, \$34.50.

**Expense.**  
Car fare for year, 47.10; emergency charity cases, contributions, \$25; correspondence, \$2.60. Total receipts, \$74.70. Excess of expense over receipts, \$40.20.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Mr. Frank Allen of Lansing, Mich., is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starks of 363 36th street, entertained at an elaborate Christmas dinner, Mrs. R. W. Carter, Miss Connie Hancock, Mr. Edward Goodbar, and Miss Lottie Gee, two of the latter are members of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Starks was beautifully decorated with Christmas holy and evergreen. The dinner consisted of six courses, the beauty of which was, that the dinner was prepared by the charming young matron and hostess, Mrs. Starks.



MISS HOCKLIETTA SMILEY.  
Our little friend and the bright daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hockley Smiley, who is rapidly learning how to read this paper.

Mr. DeWitt Curtis, of 5757 Lafayette avenue, gave a stag dinner for a few friends Tuesday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bogert, 3544 Indiana avenue, entertained a few friends with an Xmas breakfast.



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Daniel M. Jackson will leave January 5th for his post of duty in Mexico.

Mr. W. Attwood, of Michigan, is spending a few days in the city on business.

Dr. Wm. Carter, 4618 State street, was granted license to practice medicine last week.

Mrs. Mlavina Lively is visiting her son Henry in Baltimore, Md. She will return to Chicago about January 15th.

**AN INTERESTING REVIEW OF THE WORK AMONG THE CLUB WOMEN OF IOWA.**

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persons: Aristides, Miltiades, Leonidas, Thermistocles and Socrates.

Third Meeting—Give a brief account of Charles I. of England, the Crusades, the French Revolution, Mary Queen of Scots, Queen Victoria.

Fourth Meeting—Social day. Prize standing here.

**PROGRAMME FOR APRIL, 1906.**

First Meeting—English literature. Give a short sketch of the life of Chaucer; name his greatest work and sketch briefly his plan. Reading: Canterbury tales.

Second Meeting—Sketch the rise of the drama down to the time of Shakespeare; give the chief facts in Shakespeare's life; describe ten of his dramas; name the celebrated contemporaries of Shakespeare. Reading: Hamlet's Soliloquy.

Third Meeting—Compare Byron and Burns, showing wherein their lives were alike and wherein different; name the principle works of each. Reading: The Cotters Saturday Night, Child Harold.

Fourth Meeting—Discuss the characteristics of the writings of Thackeray and of Dickens; name the principle works of each. Reading: Vanity Fair, The Old Curiosity Shop.

**PROGRAMME FOR MAY, 1906.**

First Meeting—Business day.

Second Meeting—Negro authors. Quotations. Paper, Reading Souls of Black Folk. Discussion.

We would say that we hope these practical thoughts and suggestions will help our readers. Our women deal not with the high or the low, neither the rich or poor, but with the masses. We have no servant girl question or child labor unless in mining districts. The home life is the fundamental principle upon which we are builded. Our State has an enrollment of 354 women and 21 clubs. We look forward to nothing but success. Mrs. Belle Banister, of Keokuk, first Vice-President, and Miss Lella Storm-Sheffy, stenographer for the firm of Woodson & Brown, our most efficient Secretary, have done all in their power to make the administration a success. To write of the success of the present President would be an embarrassing feature; suffice it to say that the election of President was unanimous, not one dissenting vote. As we said in the beginning, this blending of purposes and united action—unselfish aims—has made the Iowa State Federation one among the best of our National Federation.

Mr. Theo. Jones, Sr., is spending a two months' vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knox entertained at their home, 4834 State street, Dec. 25th, 1905. The hostess displayed her delicacy in preparing a 5 course dinner which the guests highly enjoyed. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. Emmick, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan, Mr. Ed Knox and Miss Kuby, Miss Smith, Mrs. L. Q. Dean and Mrs. Dickson.

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